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INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT   Communications from Ex-Grand   NO. OF PAGES 1
            Mufti to Riyad Sulh and AHE

PLACE   NO. OF ENCLS.
ACQUIRED   Lebanon, Beirut   (LISTED BELOW)

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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE   Palestinian refugee with good contacts among the Arab Higher Executive.

1. Kamal Haddad, the Arab Higher Executive messenger who travels for the
    ex-Grand Mufti between Syria, Lebanon, and Cairo, Egypt, returned to
    Beirut during the past week, bringing a letter from the Mufti to Riyad
    Sulh and delivering it personally. He took Faris Sirhan, rather than
    Amil Ghuri, with him to see Sulh, which made Ghuri very angry.

2. Haddad also brought instructions from the Mufti to the Beirut Arab
    Higher Executive office in answer to a recent letter from Ghuri in which
    the latter stated that he would have to close the office because of a
    lack of funds. These instructions from the Mufti stated that "the
    Beirut office would stay open even if it should be reduced to one room
    in the home of some loyal follower; there would be no money for the
    Beirut office until after the beginning of 1951; those followers who had
    to be paid to remain loyal could drop out now." The last remark, source
    states, was aimed directly at Ghuri.*

    *Field Comment. Source reported on 25 October 1950 that Ghuri opposed
     agitation by Ibrahim Abu-Dayyi and others for anti-UNRWA demonstrations
     by Palestinian refugees on 2 November 1950.

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